

Facts about the *Emancipation Proclamation*

Who? - Slaves, Abraham Lincoln, European Allies.

What? - It changed the federal legal status of more than 3.5 million enslaved African Americans in the designated areas of the South from slave to free.

Where? - The proclamation was made in Washington D.C. (the Capitol), and effected black slaves in the South

When? - Made January 1, 1863

Why? - The nation approached its third year of bloody civil war.